THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) The textile industry is predominantly in decentralized sector and as such authentic information with regard to number of units in different segments is not available. However, the approximate details of number of units and average number of persons working in units in cotton/man-made fibre textile mill sector, decentralized powerloom sector, SSI Spinning mills as on 31st Dec. 2002 are as under:

S. No.	Item	No. of units	Average no. of employees
1.	Cotton/Man-made fibre textile mill (Non-SSI)	2075	497
2.	Cotton/Man-made fibre spinning mill (SSI)	1117	36
3.	Man-made fibre and filament yarn industry	87	782
4.	Decentralised Powerloom sector	377164	11

(d) No data is available about the average annual production in monetary terms.

Closure of Elgin Company

†4329. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Kanpur based closed Elgin Company would become operational again;

(b) the manner in which VRS offered by the company and workers' future will be determined;

(c) the explanation for payment under VRS; and

(d) whether there is any scheme for future with regard to workers' employment after VRS offered to them by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Elgin Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur was found unviable and is under orders of liquidation. A proposal for revival of one of the two units is *sub-judice*.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) In order to protect the interests of surplus employees, VSS was offered as per Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) scheme dated 5.5.2000. 2,794 out of 2,840 employees have availed of VSS at a total cost of Rs. 54.29 crore.

(d) Department of Public Enterprises is operating a Scheme for counseling, retraining and redeployment of rationalized employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Persons working in textile industry

†4330. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of state for TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of number of persons working in textile industry at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof and the number of persons working in mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector, separately; and

(c) what is the average income of a labourer working in each of the above said sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) While formulating the 10th five year plan, it was assessed that the approximate number of persons working in Mill sector, powerloom sector and Handloom sector as on March, 2001 was as under:

S. No.	Sector	As on March 2001 (Estimated) (figures in million)
1.	Cotton/Man-made Fibre/Yarn Textile Mill Sector (including SSI spinning & exclusive weaving units)	1.07
2.	Man-made Fibre/Filament Yarn Industry (including texturising industry)	0.11
3.	Decentralised Powerloom Sector	4.15
4.	Handloom Sector	12.00

(c) No data is being maintained about average income.

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